

**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3-7, 9 and 12 have been amended as follows:

3. Device according to [one or more of Claims 1 and/or 2,] claim 1, characterized in that the bore (4) of the thermopin is provided between the tapered end and the groove (5) of the thermopin.
4. Device according to [one or more of Claims 1 to 3,] claim 1, characterized in that a comb strip (14) is attached to the die lip (10), and the thermopins (1) are inserted between the individual teeth of the comb strip (14) on fixing to the die lip (10).
5. Device according to [one or more of Claims 1 to 4,] claim 1, characterized in that the comb strip (14) is a separate part which is reversibly fixed to the die lip (10).
6. Device according to [one or more of Claims 1 to 5,] claim 1, characterized in that the thermopin (1) is surrounded by a coil-type heating/cooling cartridge (19).
7. Device according to [one or more of Claims 1 to 6,] claim 1, characterized in that the coil-type heating/cooling cartridge warms the thermopin via an electric, spirally open wound heating coil.
9. Device according to [one or more of Claims 1 to 8,] claim 1, characterized in that the thermopin has, at the upper end remote from the die lip, an external thread via which it is connected to a horizontal retention strip (18), the retention strip having a corresponding bore with internal thread.
12. Method for adjusting the gap of a slot die, characterized in that the change in the height of the die gap is carried out using thermopins according to [one of Claims 1 to 9] claim 1.